

Title: Torture Methods - I

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Boiling Alive

Another form of cooking
people, popular among
Savage tribes.

Buried Alive

Widely used around the
world throughout the
ages. For example, in
Nujel'm they buried
women in sand up to
their necks, then left
them, head emerged only,
to bake in the sun.

Burned at the Stake

Popular during the
Inquisition for heretics,
witches, and warlocks.
Eaten by Animals

Traditionally the victims
were thrown to the lions.
This has actual historical
backing and was a
favorite of many Stygians
to watch as a sport.
Skinning/Flaying

The skin is removed in
strips.

Drawn and Quartered

The person is carved into

pieces while alive. It was often combined with hanging and used for extremely serious crimes such as high treason, where mere hanging alone was not enough.

Impaling

Stakes are driven through the person's body in such a way that vital organs needed for survival are not pierced.

Iron Chair/Iron Bed

These pieces of iron furniture were placed over a stoked fire and occupants were roasted to death.

Iron Maiden

Female effigies constructed of wood or iron with the inside hollowed out and filled with sharp iron spikes. The iron maiden would be opened up and the offender placed inside. The person would then be embraced by the iron maiden, being impaled by all the stakes.

The Wheel

Wheels were used in a variety of ways. For example, a person could be somehow attached to the outer rim of a wheel and then either rolled over sharp spikes or off a hill.

Crucifixion

Once used as the highest punishment among Druid tribes. Early crucifixions were carried out on trees, later to be done

on wooden crosses

Drowning

Used in a variety of ways. Popular at sea and witch trials. Probably the most well-known variation is the witch's test. If the water rejects the woman and she floats, then she is guilty and executed by another method. If the water accepts her and she drowns, then she was innocent.

Blown from a Cannon

The person is positioned across the mouth of a cannon, then a shot is fired, blasting through the person's body.

Pressing

The person lies under some sort of slab-like surface and then heavy objects such as stones are placed on top until the person is slowly crushed to death. This process could take hours, or weeks to die from.

The Rack

Catch-all term for a number of mechanical devices and practices which cause torture and death by stretching the person.

Disembowelment

The torso is slit open and the entrails are removed.

Starvation

The person is put away in a cell or cage and not

fed anything

Garrote

Oftentimes a hybrid of the rack and hanging. Something is tightened around the person's neck until death results.

Dragging

The person is tied to a horse and dragged until death.

Throat Slitting

Not used very often because of it's lack of drama.

The Cauldron

A iron container, mouth down, is placed on the victim's stomach. The container is lifted a bit and some mice or rats slipped inside. Then the container is heated up from the outside with a flame. As it begins to get hot, the mice want to escape, but there is no way out except through the mouth of the cauldron. So they begin to gnaw through the person's stomach and do so until the person dies.

Torn Apart by Horses

A person is attached to four horses, one to each limb of the body. The horses are then giddied on to gallop in opposite directions, in the aim that the person will become dismembered. Not a very effective method unless certain tendons in the limbs are pre-cut.

Water Death

Person is forced to drink water until death.

Traditionally a stiff tube (made of intestine) was forced down the victims throat and they had a non-stop flow of water entering them, or a slow trickle depending on how long they were to suffer.

The Cage

Giant oddly-shaped metal cages were placed on prisoners' heads and worn throughout the waking hours.

The Cat/Flogger

Prisoners were whipped with leather straps and cat-o'-nine tails until their flesh was raw and bleeding.